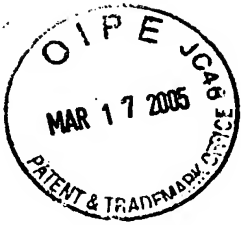


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of pending prior Application No. 10/683,537, (Confirmation No. 2610) filed on October 9, 2003 of Todd A. Berg et al. for MEDICAL GRAFT CONNECTOR OR PLUG STRUCTURES, AND METHODS OF MAKING AND INSTALLING SAME.

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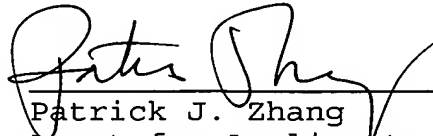
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1. ☐ Please enter the Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on _____ in Application No. _____.
2. ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on _____ in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ An Amendment/Reply is enclosed.
4. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) is/are enclosed.
5. ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed for payment of additional independent claims over three.
6. ☐ A suspension of action on the above-identified patent application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
7. ☒ A check in the amount of \$790.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.
8. ☐ Please charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. _____ in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
9. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in connection with this Request, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
10. ☐ Please grant a ☐ one-month, ☐ two-month, ☐ three-month, ☐ four-month, extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to the Examiner's Action of _____ in the above-identified patent application.
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13. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension of time fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with this paper, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

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